

WASHINGTON'S CALENDAR MADE UP PRINCIPALLY OF DANCES

Most of Evening Entertainments Are Preceded by Dinners—Navy Relief Ball Thanksgiving Night a Gala Event—Other Holiday Activities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 2.

Really that Washington opera ball seems to have opened the season "for fair." Of course, last week "See you at the game!" was the slogan as Saturday drew near, and every one who wasn't going up to Philadelphia for the Army-Navy game seemed to have a son, or a sweetheart, or a brother in Yale or Harvard, and to be headed for New Haven. And if it doesn't seem quite so much "the game" as the big service game of the year, to Washington, which is home and headquarters of both services, still there was plenty of interest in it here, and the New Haven crowd had added to the many thrills of the actual play, the big thrill of seeing the Tiger of France!

This week, it's been one dance after another. Monday night there was a dance of one of the chapters of the U. D. C.—Southern, of course, but nothing like so sectionally Southern as it used to be. It's a dance they have every year and which they have chosen to call the "International" ball. Then there was a small smart and very jolly little party given by the becholders of the British Embassy up at 3147 Sixteenth street. That was the one that all the girls naturally wanted to go to—and a good many of them—as many as were invited—did. And there was a reception—presumably with dancing, since there is nearly always dancing nowadays at evening receptions—at the Belgian Embassy, at the annual ball of the Belgian Legation, the Alian Dullness, and ever so many more, to say nothing of the whole bunch of buds "and men to match."

Ever so many came up, not merely to dinner parties, but not a few came from the theater. They had been down helping either the national or Pol's to reopen. Washington has been awfully hard up for theaters, and in a lesser degree for ballrooms. The crash of the Knickerbocker and the subsequent careful inspection of every place of amusement in town resulted in the immediate closing of a good many for a while and in the complete overhauling of the two largest, the National and Pol's. They were allowed to open again last season with certain reservations as to numbers and the use of galleries and finish out the season. But both of them were closed early in the spring as they could arrange their bookings and were turned over to the builders and completely made over.

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Mostly the Administration circle spent the day quietly. Of course it was quiet at the White House. From current newspaper reports one gathered that there were wonderful turkeys awaiting on the Executive Mansion from all directions—milk fed, hand picked turkeys, every one of them. Proud gobblers weighing from twenty-five pounds to forty pounds seemed the favorite weight. I haven't an idea what the President did with them all.

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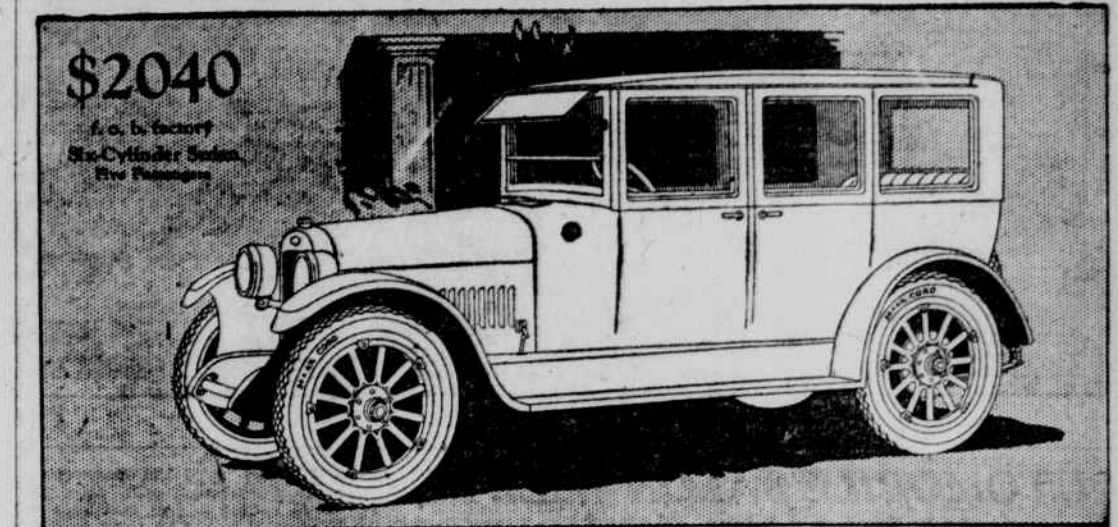
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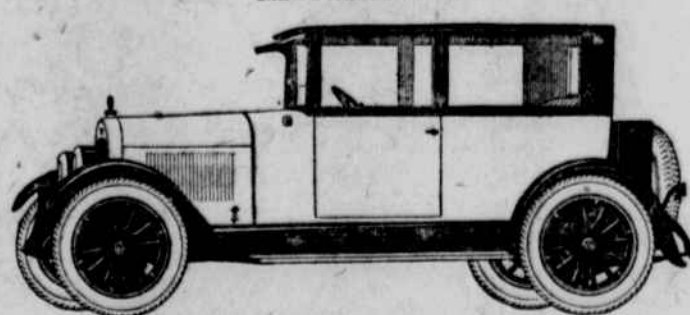
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